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**From:** Stoker, Michael B. [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=DCB64B4E7EDF48AABE8EF43996A4652E-STOKER, MIC]  
**Sent:** 12/11/2018 10:27:48 PM  
**To:** Chandler, Dylan [Dylan.Chandler@mail.house.gov]  
**Subject:** Re: Draft response for Mr Dylan Chandler regarding Kern Oil

From Guam. Merry Christi you as well Dylan

Michael Stoker  
EPA Regional Administrator-Region 9  
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On Dec 12, 2018, at 7:50 AM, Chandler, Dylan <Dylan.Chandler@mail.house.gov> wrote:

Michael,

Sorry for just now getting back to you. We completely understand you guys have a process and thanks for looking into it.

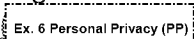
Have a Merry Christmas!!

Best,  
Dylan

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**From:** Stoker, Michael B. <stoker.michael@epa.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 5, 2018 12:37 PM  
**To:** Chandler, Dylan <Dylan.Chandler@mail.house.gov>  
**Cc:** Adams, Elizabeth <Adams.Elizabeth@epa.gov>; Strauss, Alexis <Strauss.Alexis@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Draft response for Mr Dylan Chandler regarding Kern Oil

Thx Dylan. Not trying to pass the buck but, as you know, procedurally there are things Regions are responsible for and things HQ is responsible for. Unfortunately there is not much I can do as this issue falls into the latter category. Give my best to David. I hope you and your family has a very Merry Christmas and a safe, prosperous and blessed New Year. Always feel free to call or email anytime I can be of assistance.

Best regards,  
Michael Stoker  
EPA Regional Administrator-Region 9  
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On Dec 5, 2018, at 9:15 AM, Chandler, Dylan <Dylan.Chandler@mail.house.gov> wrote:

Thanks for looking into it. We have been working with headquarters but they have not made much progress. I'll circle back with them!

Best,  
Dylan

Dylan Chandler | **Legislative Assistant**  
Office of Congressman David G. Valadao (CA-21)

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**From:** Stoker, Michael B. <[stoker.michael@epa.gov](mailto:stoker.michael@epa.gov)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 4, 2018 7:30 PM  
**To:** Chandler, Dylan <[Dylan.Chandler@mail.house.gov](mailto:Dylan.Chandler@mail.house.gov)>; Adams, Elizabeth <[Adams.Elizabeth@epa.gov](mailto:Adams.Elizabeth@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Draft response for Mr Dylan Chandler regarding Kern Oil

Dylan,  
Region 9 does not issue the permit. It is processed and decision made at headquarters. See email below from my Air Division Director. You, members of Congress and/or representatives of Kern Oil should communicate with those involved at headquarters.

Best regards,  
Michael Stoker  
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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Adams, Elizabeth" <[Adams.Elizabeth@epa.gov](mailto:Adams.Elizabeth@epa.gov)>  
**Date:** December 4, 2018 at 3:56:01 PM PST  
**To:** "Stoker, Michael B." <[stoker.michael@epa.gov](mailto:stoker.michael@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** "Lakin, Matt" <[Lakin.Matthew@epa.gov](mailto:Lakin.Matthew@epa.gov)>, "Jordan, Deborah" <[Jordan.Deborah@epa.gov](mailto:Jordan.Deborah@epa.gov)>, "Strauss, Alexis" <[Strauss.Alexis@epa.gov](mailto:Strauss.Alexis@epa.gov)>, "Machol, Ben" <[Machol.Ben@epa.gov](mailto:Machol.Ben@epa.gov)>, "Kurpius, Meredith" <[Kurpius.Meredith@epa.gov](mailto:Kurpius.Meredith@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Draft response for Mr Dylan Chandler regarding Kern Oil

Hi Mike,

My staff have checked in with the experts at Office of Transportation and Air Quality (OTAQ) on petitions for small refinery waivers issued under the Renewable Fuel Standard. As it turns out, Kern Oil is not in an unusual situation. There are many refineries who have submitted petitions for waivers and are awaiting decisions. There has been additional scrutiny on the waivers granted recently, and the Acting Administrator has put a hold on issuing petition decisions until there is clarity on the path forward. OTAQ is briefing Bill Wehrum on the status of the existing petitions (including Kern Oil's) this Thursday. Here is a draft response for the Congressman's office in the interim.

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